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RESPONSE B

In response to the office action of May 26, 2004, the examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKSRegarding the Rejection of Claims 4-7 over Fujii et al. in view of Murata et al.

The examiner is once again asked to reconsider the rejection of claims 4-7 over U. S. Patent No. 6,611,229 to Fujii et al. in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,261,665 to Murata et al. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection a) relies on hindsight, b) improperly combines references that relate to different types of structures and c) ignores evidence of unexpected results that are obtained with this invention.

1. The invention

The invention of claims 4-7 is a touch panel that, when operated, exhibits little or no Newton ring effect when depressed, while retaining good insulating properties. The touch panel includes upper and lower transparent electrodes that are spaced apart by some

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